

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) In combination, a heat activated expandable sealant and a flow control agent on at least a portion of said sealant, said combination adapted to seal a gap or cavity in a component; wherein said heat activated expandable sealant and said flow control agent melt and flow upon heating to a temperature sufficient to cause said sealant and flow control agent to flow during the application of said sealant to said gap or cavity; and wherein said heat activated expandable sealant has a melt flow rate which is higher than the melt flow rate of said flow control agent.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously amended) The combination of claim 15 wherein said flow control agent comprises polyvinyl acetate.

18. (Original) The combination of claim 15 wherein said heat activated expandable sealant is in the form of an extruded sheet or thermoformed part.

19. (Original) The combination of claim 15 wherein, upon heating, said heat activated expandable sealant with said flow control agent exhibits less sagging than a heat activated expandable sealant without said flow control agent.

20. (Cancelled)

21.(Currently amended) The combination of claim 15 wherein said heat activated expandable sealant and said flow control agent ~~melt when~~ are heated to a temperature between about 250°F to 400°F such that said sealant flows into said gap or cavity.

22. (Previously added) The combination of claim 15 wherein said heat activated expandable sealant includes a blowing agent.

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23. (Previously added) The combination of claim 15 wherein said flow control agent is in the form of a mesh or film.

24. (Previously added) The combination of claim 15 wherein said flow control agent is in the form of a dry coating.

25. (Currently amended) In combination, a heat activated expandable sealant and a flow control agent on at least a portion of said sealant, said combination adapted to seal a gap or cavity in a component of up to 100 mm in width; wherein said heat activated expandable sealant and said flow control agent melt and flow upon heating to a temperature sufficient to cause said sealant and flow control agent to flow during the application of said sealant to said gap or cavity; and wherein said heat activated expandable sealant has a melt flow rate which is higher than the melt flow rate of said flow control agent.
